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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MEETINGS IN BERLIN

REFS: (A) BONN 11296; (B) USBER 1353

1. THE THREE PROPOSED MEETINGS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL A WERE DISCUSSED AT JULY 31 BONN GROUP MEETING. ALL THREE ALLIED REPS EXPRESSED "NO OBJECTIONS" TO THE PARTNERS IN PROGRESS EXHIBITION (PARA 3 REFTEL A), THOUGH UK REP (CROMARTIE) SAID FCO HOPED EC COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON COULD BE PREVAILED UPON NOT TO SAY ANYTHING TOO CONTROVERSIAL IN HIS SPEECH.

2. CROMARTIE STATED FCO OBJECTED TO THAT PORTION OF
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THE PROPOSED TRIP OF THE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (PARA 2, REFTTEL A) THAT WOULD ENTAIL A VISIT TO THE FEA. THE FCO FELT THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY PROVOKE A STRONG SOVIET PROTEST. FRG REP (LUECKING) REPLIED THAT THE WHOLE VISIT TO BERLIN WAS BEING ORGANIZED BY THE FEA; EITHER THE COMMITTEE VISITS THE FEA, OR IT DOES NOT GO. FURTHERMORE, THIS COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY VISITED THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES IN OTHER EC COUNTRIES; SUCH VISITS ARE NATURAL; HOW CAN THE FCO MAINTAIN THAT AN AGENCY IT AUTHORIZED NOT BE ALLOWED TO DO ITS JOB?

3. US REP STATED HE PERSONALLY SHARED THE UK CONCERNS RE THE VISIT AND AGREED THAT A PROTEST WAS ALMOST CERTAIN. NONETHELESS, HE THOUGHT THAT ONE OF THE CONSEQUENCES FLOWING FROM AUTHORIZING THE LOCATION OF THE FEA IN BERLIN WAS THAT IT SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONDUCT NORMAL BUSINESS LIKE OTHER NATIONS' ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES, AND THAT CONTACT WITH EC-CONNECTED ENVIRONMENTAL BODIES WAS INEVITABLE. WE WOULD SIMPLY HAVE TO REJECT THE PROTESTS AS THEY CAME.

4. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) ASKED WHETHER THE COMMITTEE'S PROGRAM COULD NOT BE ISSUED IN THE NAME OF THE FRG INTERIOR MINISTRY AND THE SENAT EVEN IF THE FEA, IN FACT, WROTE IT. BOISSIEU ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE REFRAIN FROM MENTIONING THE FEA IN ITS RATIONALE FOR GOING TO BERLIN. LUECKING ASKED THAT THE FRENCH SUGGESTION BE REPORTED TO THE FCO, AND CROMARTIE AGREED TO DO SO. CROMARTIE ADMITTED HE WAS NOT SURE THE FCO, IN ISSUING ITS INSTRUCTION, HAD BEEN AWARE THAT THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT TO BERLIN WAS TO CONSULT WITH THE FEA. LUECKING EMPHASIZED THAT THIS DECISION WAS A SERIOUS ONE FOR THE FRG AND BERLIN, AS IT INVOLVED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE FEA COULD OR COULD NOT FUNCTION PROPERLY.

5. FRENCH AND US REPS EXPRESSED NO OBJECTION TO

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PROPOSED BERLIN MEETING OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE COMMITTEE
ON POPULATION AND REFUGEES (PARA 1, REFTEL A). UK REP
HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS BUT INITIATED WHAT TURNED OUT TO BE
DETAILED DISCUSSION OF SOURCE OF INVITATIONS. LUECKING
SAID THAT THE FRG HAD NEVER CONSIDERED THAT THE
REQUIREMENT IN ANNEX IV OF THE QA THAT INVITATIONS BE
ISSUED BY THE SENAT OR JOINTLY BY THE FRG AND THE
SENAT APPLIED TO INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS INVOLVING ONLY
REPRESENTATIVES OF WESTERN STATES AND THAT THIS
PROVISION WAS ONLY FOLLOWED WHEN EASTERNERS WERE ALSO
INVITED. US REP ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH OBSERVATION
OF UK LEGAL ADVISER (EDWARDS) THAT FRG WAS ON SHAKY
GROUND IN MAKING SUCH AN INTERPRETATION OF WHAT
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EDWARDS DESCRIBED AS ONE OF THE FEW REALLY PRECISE
PROVISIONS OF THE QA. LUECKING EVENTUALLY CLARIFIED

THAT THE SOVIETS AND EAST EUROPEANS INSIST THAT ANNEX IV MEANS THAT THE SENAT AND THE FRG MUST EACH ISSUE INDIVIDUAL INVITATIONS, AND THAT THE FRG WOULD NOT WANT TO START USING THAT PROCEDURE FOR STRICTLY WESTERN CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS. WHEN TOLD BY EDWARDS THAT HE HAD IN MIND ONLY THAT "JOINTLY" MEANS THAT THE FRG AND THE SENAT SHOULD BOTH BE NAMED AS HOSTS ON WHATEVER SINGLE INVITATION IS ISSUED, LUECKING SAID THIS POSED NO PROBLEM. UK WILL SEEK INSTRUCTIONS. (COMMENT: WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT LUECKING WAS CONFUSED BUT REPORT THE DISCUSSION FOR THE RECORD IN CASE IT DEVELOPS THAT GERMANS HAVE NOT IN FACT BEEN FOLLOWING ANNEX IV PROCEDURES IN ALL CASES. IN REPORTING IN LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 1, REFTEL A, THAT ANNEX IV PROCEDURES WOULD BE USED, WE WERE QUOTING ONE OF LUECKING'S SUBORDINATES WHO WE SUSPECT IS BETTER INFORMED ON SUCH TECHNICAL ASPECTS.)
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